



Daysland Digest



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Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the Christmas break! In spite of the many COVID restrictions on school activities like sports, special events and field trips, the school year has gone by very quickly. Despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic, some traditional events have gone on as usual for our students.

For example, we had our Remembrance Day Ceremony with student presentations held in a virtual environment. Various elements of our traditional ceremony were combined together in a video and shared among all the classrooms to commemorate the occasion and express our gratitude for those who served, and continue to serve Canada, in the military. Our Christmas activities will also be done in the same way; however, we will be making this available to parents through our school YouTube channel. You have likely already received a FOIP form asking for your permission to allow your child to participate in this activity. In addition, our Parent Council is also continuing with the traditional school Turkey Lunch this year. The grades 7-12 students had their Christmas lunch last week, before they went to online studies at home. Making the year as "near normal" as possible for our students is our goal in an uncertain world.

Grade 7-12 students will remain online until January 11th when they are scheduled to return to in school classes. Our K-6 students will be receiving a paper package of learning materials for them to work on during the week of January 4 - 8th at home. The province is hoping to reduce the incidence of COVID spread by keeping all the students in online, at home learning this week. Again, all students K-12 are scheduled to return to classes starting January 11, 2021.

Despite the fact that many of our students are engaged in online learning from home, it is always critical to continue the parent-teacher communication link. Teachers are at school, actively teaching online and are available to take emails or calls. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's classes. We are a team supporting your child through their educational journey - together we are better!

Thank you to our Parent Council for the delicious Christmas lunch that was served to all Junior and Senior High Students on Friday.

It was a wonderful sendoff for our students who are now participating in online learning!



School Fees Reminder

School Fees are NOW due. You can pay online at <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/online-payments-ordering> or by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to Daysland School.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange monthly payments, please contact Mr. Kyle or Mrs. Robbins at the school.

International Travel 2022

Our Grade 9 to 11 students were invited to attend our virtual meeting for our next International Travel Trip. Over Spring Break 2022, students will have the opportunity to travel through Europe on the Juno to Vimy Ridge tour! The deadline for signing up is December 15th! If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. V. Zimmer for details!

Winter Attire

Parents are reminded that Board policy requires all students who ride the bus to wear (or carry) clothing suitable for the weather conditions. This includes headgear, hand covering and appropriate footwear. Students who arrive at school inappropriately dressed will not be allowed to ride home on the bus until they have proper gear dropped off or are picked up by a parent.

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th @ 7:00pm

***The Society of Friends of Daysland School Council meetings will be held after School Council Meetings.**

Bus Delays & Cancellations






As we enter the season of weather-related bus delays and cancellations, BRSD would like to remind parents to check their **school** website or the BRSD website for updates. If there is a change to the schedule it will appear in an ALERT banner at the top of the website. If there is no banner, all routes are running as scheduled. Every family affected by a bus route delay or cancellation also receives an automated phone message.



Career Counselling

December 2020 Newsletter

Enjoy your holiday break and take some time to have fun and do things that make you smile!

What's in a Credential?	Emerging Occupations	Scholarships - Again!!
<p>Every credential has within it a level of achievement connected to knowledge, experience and skills. They vary in length, admission requirements and outcomes. In Alberta we have credentials in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ apprenticeships with on-the-job training, technical training and industry exams. <p>Undergraduate programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ certificates are often one year or less with high school courses for admission and may be used for credit/admission for diploma programs;➤ diplomas are often up to two years of study with high school completion/specific courses/grades for admission and, at times, may be used for credit/admission for degree programs;➤ bachelor's degrees are usually four years and may include a co-op education (extending the length) with admission varying with high school completion, including specific grades/subjects. <p>Still more? Check out post-diploma/post-baccalaureate certificates or graduate studies.</p>	<p>When you think of future occupations do you think about jobs that your parents didn't even know about? According to Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS), emerging occupations are jobs that could be in your future because of advances in technology and shifts in consumer demand. You will need to be okay with change and learning as you go.</p> <p>ALIS lists 27 occupations including alternative energy technologist, cloud architect, cyber forensic investigator, health coach, fuel cell technician, lash technician, social media specialist and solar installer to name a few.</p> <p>Post-secondary institutions are also looking forward. Programs such as Olds College's Precision Agriculture Techonomy Diploma, NAIT's Post-diploma Certificate in Cybersecurity, and SAIT's Ophthalmic and Optometric Assisting Certificate were recently created to respond to industry needs.</p>	<p>Have you signed up on a scholarship website? You can find links to scholarship websites in the <i>High School Plus</i> website under Funding Your Education.</p> <p> ScholarTree  yconic.</p> <p>SCHOLARSHIPS CANADA </p> <p> Disability Awards.ca  Grant Me</p> <p>For enthusiastic scholarship writers, the holiday break may be an opportunity to focus on meeting the requirements for the many scholarships available to high school students. This could mean writing an essay, completing an application, organizing documents needed to meet award criteria or spending time volunteering - in a COVID-19 friendly way!</p> <p>Check out the Post-Secondary Institution Scholarships & Other Scholarships sections (and more!!) under the <i>Funding Your Education</i> tab in the High School Plus website to begin your search.</p>



Did you have a chance to check your courses & marks in the *High School* tab in myBlueprint? While you're there, check out the link to the *Rutherford Scholarship* requirements needed for your current school year.

Your BRSD Career Counsellors, Lynda Kope & Carla Praticante

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A Back to School message from the School Immunization Program

Welcome back to a brand new school year, we hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We are pleased to continue to provide immunization services to your school community as long as COVID-19 response measures allow.

When schools closed in March 2020, our school-based immunization program was unable to continue as school immunization teams were redeployed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Due to this suspension in service, you will notice some changes to our program this year as we attempt to "catch-up":

1. Students in grade 6 in the 2019-2020 school year (now in grade 7) who did not complete their Hepatitis B (HBV) and/or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and/or any outstanding routine vaccine series will be immunized within the school setting. We will only immunize those students with a signed consent form from the previous school year(s).

2. Students in other grades where an immunization consent form was signed in the previous school year(s) will be immunized in the school setting in order to complete any outstanding immunization series.

If you do not wish your child to complete their immunization series or your child was immunized privately within the past 6 months, please contact your school's designated Community Health Centre.

More information will be available in the coming weeks regarding school-based immunizations for our target grade 6 and 9 students. Public Health is developing strategies to address access to immunization for those students enrolled in alternative learning environments this school year.

Visit www.immunizealberta.ca for more information about which vaccines are offered to students in Alberta.

During times of pandemic, such as COVID-19, we are reminded of how important it is to utilize the immunizations that protect us against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and pertussis that are still present globally and locally.

We look forward to working with our school communities again to help keep students healthy.

AHS Community Health Centre

Society of Friends of Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

- I. Call to order**
Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Society of Friends of Daysland School at 8:05pm.
- II. In attendance:**
Brad Kyle Kirby Schmidt-Teigen Candice Guhle Shaunet Petiot
Laura Zwack Teena Kasha Adrian Ketchmark Jeannie Hoermann
- III. Review of Agenda** – Laura accepted the agenda, seconded by Shaunet.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**
Minutes from the February 26, 2020 and September 30, 2020 meetings were circulated prior to meeting. Candice moved both sets of minutes adopted as circulated. Shaunet seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
- V. Correspondence** – none
- VI. Reports**
a) **Financial**– Shaunet
- \$1,703 in general account
- \$21,333 in playground account
Shaunet moved Financial Report to be accepted as presented. Adrian seconded. All in favour, Motion carried.
- VII. Old Business**
a) Fundraiser Information/Updates:
-Facebook Auction: Kirby and Adrian sending out information letter soon,
-Wreaths: As per Jeannie, deadline for orders is November 2;
-Yearbook: As per Teena, moving forward with yearbook now that our grade 12 class has had a proper grad;
-Chromebooks: Mr. Wilson would like a 1:1 ration of Chrombooks in the elementary. Shaunet moved to accept and approve Daysland School to purchase 25 Chromebooks at a cost of \$8,111.25. Candice seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Travel Club: Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Zimmer to hold a virtual information meeting for parents on November 5, at 7:00. Next Casino funds to be allocated to the Travel Club;
-Christmas Dinner – because of the volume of food preparation, the caterer as suggested that the elementary classes be served dinner on Tuesday, December 15 and the junior/senior high on Wednesday, December 16. The cost of the dinner is quoted at approximately \$1,500.00. Caterer to decide how many parent volunteers he requires.
b) New Fundraising Ideas/Initiatives: none needed at this time;
- VII. Adjournment:**
Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 25, 8:00pm at Daysland School.

Society of Friends of Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2020

- I. Call to order**
Kirby Schmidt-Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Society of Friends of Daysland School at 7:25pm.
- II. In attendance:**
Brad Kyle Kirby Schmidt-Teigen Candice Guhle Pauline Hudson
Laura Zwack Teena Kasha Alison Eshpeter
Shaunet Petiot Jeanni Hoermann Cristin Zimmer
- III. Review of Agenda** – Candice accepted the agenda as stated, seconded by Shaunet. All in favour. Carried
- IV. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**
Minutes from the October 21, 2020 meetings were circulated. Teena moved minutes be adopted as circulated. Alison seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
- V. Correspondence** – none
- VI. Reports**
a) Financial– Shaunet
- \$9401.29 in general account
- \$21,333 in playground account
- \$6,027.75 in hot lunch account
- \$13,027 in travel account
- \$4016 in casino account
- Wreaths fundraiser brought in \$1490
Shaunet moved Financial Report to be accepted as presented. Teena seconded. All in favour, Motion carried.
- VIII. Old Business**
a) Fundraiser Information/Updates:
- Christmas Dinner – Due to the announcement yesterday that Jr High and High School students will be going to online learning starting Nov 30, Laura has arranged an alternative Christmas dinner (lasagne) to be delivered to those students Friday, Nov 27. Catering by Mad Platter Catering and Teena and Laura will help serve. Plans continue for Dec 15 Christmas meal to elementary students. More volunteer help will be needed for that.
-Facebook Auction: Kirby reported many amazing donations have been collected and much more participation from students this year. Bidding starts tomorrow!
-Wreaths: Jeanni reports all 166 wreaths are in. She has started contacting parents now. Plans to have all wreaths delivered/picked up by Dec 1.
-Yearbook: Teena reports they are starting to put it together. They now have some new helpers from high school.
-Chromebooks: Shortage nationally so school has not yet purchased any Chromebooks yet.
Travel club – Shaunet reports they have had their first meeting. Planning for a Europe trip including Vimy Ridge in 2022. No decision made about when fundraising will start.
b) New Fundraising Ideas/Initiatives: none needed at this time;
- IX. Adjournment:**
Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 after School Council meeting (approximately 8:00pm) at Daysland School.

INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING IN FLAGSTAFF COUNTY FOR CHRISTMAS



Sponsor a child for 12 months for a donation of \$50.00. They will receive a free book a month delivered to their mailbox at no cost to their family.

Email: imaginationlibfc@gmail.com if you wish to sponsor a child/children in Flagstaff County



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library reaches more children than any other book gifting program, and mails free, high quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. We welcome this program to our County.

FIRST Coupon Program

FIRST has received funding for our coupon program to provide citizens with \$100 for food or fuel. This money will become available to Flagstaff citizens as of mid-December. If you know of a family in need or if you would like more information about this program, please contact Lynne Jenkinson at 780-385-3976.